

Claim 1 of the application defines:

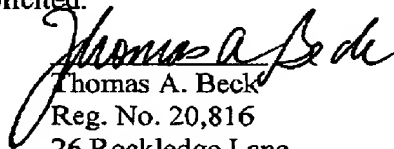
"A method comprising: forming an admixture of a solvent, an additive and a polymer selected from the group consisting of a precursor to an electrically conductive polymer and an electrically conductive polymer said polymer being soluble in said solvent said polymer not being substantially soluble in said additive in the absence of said solvent;
said additive provides local mobility to said polymer to allow said polymer to associate with one another to achieve a crystalline state; and removing or partly removing said solvent substantially leaving said additive therein as remaining additive, said remaining additive provides local mobility to said polymer to achieve said crystalline state."

The Examiner during the prior prosecution of this case indicated that Claim 24 refused to consider and examine Claim 24 as it involved an method distinct from Claim 1, the treatment of a polymer. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to examine Claim 24 in conjunction with Claim 1 as written above.

The Examiner is authorized to charge any fees involved in this entering this paper for the purpose of continued prosecution of the above-identified case to Deposit Account 50-0150⁰⁶¹⁰.

In view of the arguments contained herein, allowance of this case is warranted. Such favorable action is respectfully solicited.

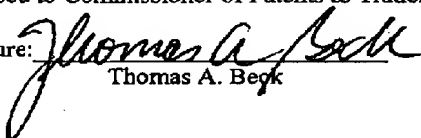
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APPENDIX A
"CLEAN" VERSION OF EACH PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) AND (c)(i)

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CLAIMS (with indication of amended or new):

24. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said admixture contains a polyaniline monomer, said additive and an oxidant.